

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday – Ponedjeljak, December 19, 2005**

7:30 A.M. Joseph & Mary Popovich Jerome
Evelyn Condich Jure & Linda Strbich
Fr. Dowd (health) Jon Weber

Tuesday – Utorak, December 20, 2005

7:30 A.M. Billy Curtin Patricia & Andy Sperando
Janja Grbeš
Deceased of Vladović family Sutera family

8:05 A.M. For Parishioners

Wednesday – Srijeda, December 21, 2005

7:30 A.M. Joseph Bozich Marion Segvich
Billy Curtin Catherine & Nick Perisin
Sophie & Ralph Bonello Catherine & Nick Perisin

Thursday – Četvrtak, December 22, 2005

7:30 A.M. James Sutera Sutera family
Kate Kuzmanich Rak family

Friday – Petak, December 23, 2005

7:30 A.M. Margaret Gore Simon Condic
Daniel Weaver Frank & Luanne Munizzi

**Saturday – Subota, December 24, 2005
Christmas Eve**

7:30 A.M. Rose Polacek M/M John Botica
Mark A. Sukolowsky George & Therese Hammar
Deceased of Marasovich family family

6:00 P.M. Peter Perisin wife & family
Helen & Lucky Olson family
Mary Jean & Donald Gillespie family

Midnight Mass – Ponoćka

Fr. Marko Kozina Carol & Frano Marasovich

**Sunday – Nedjelja, December 25, 2005
The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day**

7:30 A.M. Linda Humbert husband Robert
William & Mary Catizone children/grandchildren
Claire Narel family
John Mladinov family family
Visko & Clara Cecich family
Peter & Mary Mandich Mandich family

9:30 A.M. Mark Bozich Vera & family
Sam & Ann De Gregorio Mary Ann Senerchia
Albert Caponigro family Dolly Caponigro
Carlo Guttillo mother
Millie & Joseph Bogetich family
Maria, Gene, Ruth Gazzi Gazzi family
Tom & Mary Byrnes Gazzi family
Deceased of Caponigro family Carmela

11:00 A.M. u spomen

Josip i Ana Bajzec Josip Bajzec
Ivan Babić Valerija Babić
Ljubo Kralj Ivan i Ljubica Belan
Vinko Lišnić Mirko i Ankica Dukić
Milan Došen obitelj Došen
Mijo Lončar ob. Franjo Mulac
Ivan i Marija Mulac ob. Franjo Mulac
Joza i Petar Zelić Ilija sa ob.
Rafael Rogić Josip i Katica Bajzec
Robert Jurlina family
Ilija i Šime Lončar i pok. Ante i Anica Lončar

Lectors

Saturday, Dec. 24, 6:00 P.M. Children
Sunday, Dec. 25, 7:30 A.M. Matt Pesce
Sunday, Dec. 25, 9:30 A.M. Giggie Cortese
Sunday, Dec. 25, 11:00 A.M. Perica Dušević,
Davorka Toromanović

**ALTAR
SERVERS**

Saturday, Dec. 24, 6:00 P.M. LoCoco, Perseghin,
Rubio
Midnight Mass Kristiana Jurković, Tomislav Kikaš,
Marijana Kikaš, Ante Kraljević, Adrijana Kraljević
Sunday, Dec. 25, 7:30 A.M. M. Olague, S. Olague
Sunday, Dec. 25, 9:30 A.M. A. Nero, P. Nero,
Passi
Sunday, Dec. 25, 11:00 A.M. M. Carlson, D.
Bajić, A. Kosić, D. Jureta, I. Jureta, E. Ljevar

FOR RENT

- ▶ 29th Shields, large 7 rms, great condition, appl. included, \$675/mo. w/heat 773 523 1069
- ▶ Apt. 31st & Wells, 6 rms, 3 bdrms, Central air & heat, Hrdwd flrs, appliances included. 312 326 3805
- ▶ Apt. 30th Princeton, 2nd flr, newly remodeled, central air/heat. 312 225 0582

WEEKLY MEDITATION for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today many seek fulfillment and happiness through "doing their own thing." It's what *I* want that matters. There can be a lot of selfishness in this approach. It often means taking the easiest path in the belief that this is where freedom and happiness lie, but it is more likely to lead to slavery and unhappiness.

Here is an important truth:

freedom, happiness, and fulfillment are more likely to be found *in the acceptance of duty*. However, for this to happen, it has to be a *loving acceptance of duty*. A grim or bitter acceptance is not good enough. The more difficult the task to which we *devote ourselves out of love*, the more it will exalt us.

In this, Mary gives us a great example. She didn't say, "Sorry, I

have my own plans." She said, "It's not what *I* want, but what *God* wants that matters. Let what God wants be done to me." Life imposes a lot of duties on us. Those who accept duty as Mary did may not find happiness and fulfillment in the eyes of the world, but they certainly will find it in the eyes of God, and deep down, they will know it.

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

The sacrament that reconciles each one of us with God needs to be an important part of every Catholic's life. We will celebrate this sacrament in a special way on **this Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m., with 8 priests** available for private confession after a communal penance prayer service. Please plan to come to this significant spiritual event.

As always, of course, confessions will be heard before every weekend Mass in the confessional.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Come into our hearts.
Come into our homes.
Come to those who are lonely.
Come to those who are fearful.
Come to those who are sick.
Come to those who are poor.
Come to those who are grieving.
Come to those who have no faith.
Come to those who have no hope.
Come to those who have no love.
Come to the victims of violence.
Come to those in the grip of addiction.
Come to those in prison.
Come to us in all of our needs.
Come, Lord Jesus!



RELEVANT RADIO 820 AM & 930 AM SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

Listen to "Homemade Holiness" on *Morning Air* weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. during the Advent and Christmas seasons for messages of inspiration and practical advice on preparing for and celebrating these Holy Seasons! Listen to Catholic radio.

FM 93.9 IS PLAYING CONTINUOUS CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

WISDOM'S CORNER

A Leap of Trust

Years ago a widowed father lived with his young son and daughter in a southern town in America. He was strict with the kids but good to them, and they loved him. He was an upright man and an excellent lawyer. However, he made himself very unpopular in the town by defending a black man who was accused of murder. At the end of his street lived an elderly woman who spent her afternoons sitting on her front porch. Each day as the lawyer's children passed her house she called their father names. One evening the son, in anger, destroyed some of her flowers. Then he ran home and admitted it to his father who insisted that he apologize to her. Reluctantly the son did so. The woman asked him if he would read to her for an hour each evening. His father made him agree to do so. Each evening he went and read for the old lady. During the hour she would experience violent fits of trembling, which gradually became less frequent. One evening the children learned that the lady had died peacefully, and they seemed thankful to hear the news. The father told them that before she died she had expressed to him how much being with the boy had helped her. The boy felt ashamed and remarked that he should have been nicer to her. "It doesn't matter," the father said. "The main thing is that you did what I asked you to do. You are a good son and I am proud of you."

Although the boy didn't realize the full significance of the task his father asked him to perform, he did it in a spirit of love and obedience to his father.

THE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**"The greatest grace in life is when
what we *have to do* is what we *want to do*."**



CHRISTMAS IS COMING NEXT SUNDAY
— *LET US BE READY IN EVERY WAY:*

*ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE, TODAY, SUNDAY,
DEC. 18, AT 6 P.M. — 8 PRIESTS AVAILABLE.*

*COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND,
MONDAY, DEC. 19, THROUGHOUT THE DAY.*

Contact Fr. Joe, Fr. Ivan or the Parish Office if your homebound loved ones wish to receive Communion on Dec. 19, the Monday before Christmas.

*DONATE MONEY FOR PURCHASING FLOWERS TO
DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS*

The cost of the **poinsettia** flowers for Christmas to decorate the church are: \$25.00, \$35.00 and \$50.00. If you are interested in donating flowers for the church, please see: Lou or Mary Scalise, Ken or Jan Zekich, or Ivan or Vesna Jureta.

PRACTICE FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

The "Live Nativity" presentation will need many children participants if it is to be a success. Please come to the practice in our church at **7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21.** For more, call Laura at 773-254-0010.

*CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR A MEETING BETWEEN
GOD & US, BETWEEN GOD & HUMANITY*

Christmas extends Peace to All People of Good Will. We are a part of that extension of peace by God to all people. Let us be peacemakers in these hectic times. Let us give our time and attention to those who need our concern, our cheerfulness, our smiles, our peace.

*CHRISTMAS IS A TIME TO EXPERIENCE THE
POWER OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRAMENT*

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

6 P.M.—CHILDREN'S MASS WITH "LIVE NATIVITY"
12 MIDNIGHT—CROATIAN AND ENGLISH MIDNIGHT MASS
WITH MUSICAL PRELUDE BEGINNING AT 11:15 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11 A.M.

TEXAS HOLD'EM

St. Jerome School is sponsoring a Texas Hold-em Tournament Raffle **Saturday, January 14, 2006** Please arrive at 3 p.m. for seat assignments Raffle begins at 4 p.m. SHARP. Limited Seating. Wine, beer, food included. Donation \$200 per ticket. For tickets, call John Perseghin at 312 780 6739 or Brian Luce, 312 735 7219.

LADIES-ONLY TEXAS HOLD'EM

St. Jerome School is sponsoring a **LADIES ONLY "Desperate Housewives Poker Night"** Texas Hold-em Tournament Raffle **Friday, January 13, 2006** Please arrive at 3 p.m. for seat assignments. Raffle begins at 4 p.m. SHARP. Limited Seating. Drinks & food included. Donation \$100 per ticket. For tickets, call John Perseghin at 312 780 6739 or Brian Luce, 312 735 7219.

Football Mania Winners:

Here are the winning numbers for Week 14: \$500 - 2598, \$200 - 3086, \$75 - 4825, \$50 - 3027 & 2550, \$6.25 - 1861, 4024, 4160 & 4196.

Congratulations, Honor Roll Students

The following graduates of St. Jerome School have achieved the "B Honor Roll" in the first quarter period at **Mother McAuley High School:**

Melissa Guzman Markie Racinowski

St. Jerome Property Fund

Mortgage Debt from New Parking Lot:	\$ 400,000
Donated to Date:	\$ 164,256
December Donations Thus Far:	\$ 1,550
Needed for monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 11,900

Thank you to all who have contributed and to all who are considering a contribution!

Get the Kids Ready for Christmas

This Sunday, Dec. 18 after the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses, **EuroSole** will be displaying their winter children's shoe collection for sale in the small hall. EuroSole offers boutique shoes from the Italian children's shoe designer Primigi. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit St. Jerome School. *Please join us for coffee, cookies, and a little Christmas cheer!*